

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following subheading after the title of the invention:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the subheading on page 1, line 4 and replace with the following subheading:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the subheading on page 1, line 8 and replace with the following subheading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

Please delete the subheading on page 3, line 7 and replace with the following subheading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, beginning at line 21 as follows:

~~FIG. 12 is a~~ FIGS. 12A, 12B and 12C are transverse cross-sectional ~~[[view]~~ views of a
second connecting portion in another embodiment of the present invention;

Please delete the subheading on page 6, line 5 and replace with the following subheading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, beginning at line 17 as follows:

Herein, the term “annular shape” used in the present invention is intended to describe the shape that forms an inner hollow 16, and the outer shape is not particularly limited. Examples of annular cross-sectional shapes that may be adopted include, as illustrated in ~~Fig. 12~~ FIGS. 12A-12C, a circular space [(a)] (FIG. 12A), an elliptical shape [(b)] (FIG. 12B), and an elongated elliptical shape [(c)] (FIG. 12C). The outer shape may be changed as appropriate depending on the shape of the terminal sockets of the second connecting circuit.